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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of)

Lindholm et al.)

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ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE)
FOR PROGRAMMABLE PIXEL)
PROCESSING MODEL WITH)
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Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive Examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter Claims 31 – 34 as follows:

31. (New) A method for programmable processing in a computer graphics pipeline, comprising:
- (a) receiving pixel data including texture information; and
 - (b) performing programmable operations on the pixel data in order to generate output, wherein the operations are programmable by a user utilizing instructions from a predetermined instruction set;